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Charles Morrison, Wife And Daughter

Local Family Instructs Nigerian Natives In Agricultural Techniques And Hygiene

Charles Morrison began farming at his father's home on Washington, R. D. 5, and now some 25 years later is instructing the natives of Enugu, Nigeria, in agricultural techniques aimed at developing and advancing their African economy.

Mr. Morrison's official title is Area Operations Officer for International Cooperation Administration in Eastern Nigeria. He and his wife, Mary, the former Mary Liggett of Independence, and their 13-year-old daughter, Debby Lee, with the aid of 20 technicians and their families, in essence aim to "provide technical and economic assistance so that through education, training and some financial support Nigeria will be able to raise its standard of living and become economically viable." This is not their sole reason for being there but certainly it is an important one. There is also the underlying hope that in the near future the United States will have additional outlets for her products.

Enugu, the Morrison headquarters for about a year, is a contraction of the Ibo words "enu" and "Ugwu," which mean the top of the hill and Enugu is the hill village of the Ngwo people and capital of the Eastern Region since 1939.

Its present population is about 80,000. In 1960 the Eastern Region became part of the fully independent Federation of Nigeria.

The country's industries include railroads, coal mines, cement works, and pottery kilns and recreation clubs offer tennis, golf, archery, hockey, cricket and football.

The Morrison family lives "adequately, comfortably, and for the most part, quite attractively" in the 87 degree mean temperature and 71 inch annual rainfall as opposed to Washington's 51 degree mean temperature and 40 inch annual rainfall.

Mrs. Morrison has followed her husband's career from its early stages when he taught in the vocational department at Trinity High School to his position as Agricultural advisor for Washington and Greene Counties to his association with the CIA and its Point Four development program in Panama. Prior to his residence in Enugu, Mr. Morrison operated out of Libya.

A Penn State and University of Pittsburgh graduate, Morrison now helps his youngest child, Debby Lee, with her University of Nebraska correspondence courses. The two boys, 13-year-old twins, Don and John, are spring graduates of Washington High School and will enter Penn State in the Fall.

Mrs. Morrison herself serves in a capacity similar to that of a missionary. Her concern is with the native women and the serious problems of personal and public hygiene which confronts them. She has contacted relatives in Washington for help in the form of layettes and other child care equipment to aid the women accustomed to rearing their children in the sand.

The daily life of the Morrison family in Africa is a demanding one and calls for willing people able to cope with, understand, and help a different people. It

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MORRISON INSPECTS CHICKS—Charles R. Morrison, left, ICA Operations Officers in Eastern Nigeria, United States poultry specialist Charles Davis, right center, and United States Information Service representative in Enugu William Gordon, extreme right, admire some of the 1,300 baby chicks upon their arrival at Enugu Airport from the United States. These Rhode Island Red chicks are enroute to the Abakaliki Agriculture Experiment Station and Poultry Center where they will become foundation stock for a poultry and improvement project being sponsored by ICA.



WITH GOVERNOR'S WIFE—Lady Ibiam, wife of Sir Francis Ibiam, Governor of Eastern Nigeria, chats with Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Morrison at Enugu Airport where she began the first leg of her travel to the United States. Lady Ibiam attended the April meetings of the First National Council of United Presbyterian Church Women. She is much interested in the role of Christian women in the newly developing nations.

calls for what the Morrisons are and relatives in Washington — reported to be by their friends happy and well-rounded people.

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